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SUBJ: TRANS-SAHARAN GRAIN SHIPMENT/ COMMUNIQUE NO. 4

AFDROUGHT

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1. LATEST INFORMATION RECEIVED HERE CONFIRMS THAT FIRST
OF FOUR TRANS-SAHARAN CONVOYS DEPARTED BECHAR ON ROUTE TO
GAO EARLY MORNING OF JULY 23. CONVOY NO. 2 LEFT BECHAR
FOR SAME DESTINATION AT 0800 HOURS JULY 24. CONVOY NO. 3
IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART BECHAR FOR GAO BEFORE SUNISE JULY 26.
FINAL COMPONENT OF CONVOY NO. 4 NOW BEING LOADED AT ORAN
DOCK. JULY 25 WITNESSED COMPLETION OF BAGGING OF THAT PORTION
OF FINAL CONVOY DESTINED TESSALIT. LOADING OF FINAL TEN
TRUCKS NOW TAKING PLACE IS LIKELY TO PROVE MOST DIFFICULT
DUE TO FACT THAT RECONSTITUTION OF GRAIN IN BROKEN SACKS
HAS STILL NOT BEEN COMPLETED, DUE PARTIALLY TO SCARCITY
OF BAGS TO REPLACE THEM IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AN
ADDITIONAL 200 TO 300 BAGS ARE NOW NEEDED FOR RECONSTITUTED
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GRAIN.

2. THROUGHOUT SNTR HAS PERFORMED MAGNIFICENTLY. IN ALMOST
EVERY INSTANCE TRUCKS WERE SUPPLIED IN THE PRECISE TIME THEY
WERE ASKED FOR AND THEIR DRIVERS HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB
OF SUPERVISING THEIR LOADING. SOME DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN
ENCOUNTERED IN SONATMAC'S HANDLING OF THE OPERATION. HOWEVER,
IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT CONSIDERING THIS IS THE FIRST
TIME THIS ENTERPRISE HAS EMBARKED ON SUCH AN ENDEAVOR, THE
WORK HAS GONE, UP TO NOW, WITH REMARKABLE SMOOTHNESS.
FINAL WRAPUP CABLE WILL ATTEMPT TO UPDATE ARRIVAL TIMES
OF CONVOYS IN BOTH TESSALIT AND GAO AND EXACT QUANTITIES
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